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SUBJ: IAEA PANEL ON SYLLABUS FOR NUCLEAR POWER PROJECT

ENGINEERING TRAINING COURSE, NOV 25-29, 1974

1. BY ALL REPORTS, SUBJECT PANEL SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED DEVELOPMENT OF SYLLABUS FOR FIRST PHASE COURSE. AT SUGGESTION SECRETARIAT (INITIATIVE ATTRIBUTED TO DDG CHERNILIN), COURSE CONTENT EXPANDED TO INCLUDE SEVERAL OF MORE GENERAL TOPICS FORESEEN TO BE WITHIN SCOPE OF SUBSEQUENT PHASES, ON BASIS ASSUMPTION THAT FIRST-PHASE STUDENTS (MANAGERS AND EXECUTIVES INVOLVED IN PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION) UNLIKELY TO ATTEND SUBSEQUENT PHASES. FIRST-PHASE STUDENTS WILL THUS BE INTRODUCED TO PROBLEMS LIKELY TO ARISE DURING CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION, SO THAT THEY CAN TAKE THEM INTO ACCOUNT IN EARLY PLANNING, CONTRACTING, TRAINING, ETC. LENGTH OF FIRST PHASE RECOMMENDED ACCORDINGLY BY PANEL IS FIFTEEN WEEKS; TARGET DATE FOR STARTING INITIAL PRESENTATION REVISED TO SEPTEMBER 8, 1975, IN ORDER COMPLETE BEFORE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY.

2. PANEL RECOMMENDED, INTER ALIA, THAT FIRST PHASE SHOULD BE REPEATED AS OFTEN AS NECESSARY TO MEET DEMAND BEFORE PRESENTATION OF SECOND AND THIRD PHASES.

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3. PANEL ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT COURSE INCLUDE INDIVIDUAL PRESENTATIONS, IN UNIFORM FORMAT, BY VENDORS EACH TYPE OF POWER REACTOR AVAILABLE COMMERCIALY, PLUS FIXED LIMITED SPACE MADE AVAILABLE AT COURSE SITE FOR SERIES OF WEE-LONG DISPLAY BE EACH SUCH VENDOR. THIS RECOMMENDATION WAS EFFORT TO MEET IN CONTROLLED AND FAIR MANNER UK AND FRENCH CONCERN THAT VENDORS FROM OTHER THAN HOST COUNTRY HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE PITCH.

4. THROUGHOUT PANEL MEETING, BOTH IN FORMAL MEETINGS AND IN INFORMAL CONVERSATIONS, FRG GROUP, HEADED BY FREITAG OF LOCAL MISSION AND INCLUDING BACH AND LAUE OF KARLSRUHE, CONDUCTED AGGESSIVE CAMPAIGN TO HAVE KARLSRUHE RECOMMENDED BY PANEL AS SIT OF INITIAL COURSE AND TO DIRECT PANEL DISCUSSIONS TO THAT SITUATION. FRG GROUP ARGUED PRIVATEDLY THAT SECRETARIAT SHOULD NOT BE PUT IN POSITION OF HAVING TO SELECT HOST COUNRTY, APPARENTLY IN BELIEF THAT, IN SUCH SITUATION, U.S. WOULD BE SELCTED. U.S. PARTICIPANTS TOOK POSITION THAT U.S. OFFER WOULD NOT SPECIFY SINGLE DATE, BUT WOULD GIVE FLEXIBILITY TO SECRETARIAT AS TO STARTING DATE AND WHETHER FIRST PHASE OR LATER PHASE WAS TO BE CONDUCTED AT U.S. SITE.

5. AS PART OF CAMPAIGN, FRG MADE FORMAL OFFER, IN LETTER TO IAEA DIR GEN DELIVERED NOVEMBER 28, WHICH STATES THAT FRG PRPARED MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR STARTING COURSE ONS SEPTEMBER 15, 1975. LETTER LISTS PHYSICAL FACILITIES AT KARLSRUHE TO BE PUT AT DISPOSAL OF COURSE, ETC.

6. PANEL REJECTED PERSISTENT ATTEMPTS BY FRG PARTICIPANTS TO SLANT RECOMMENDATIONS IN DIRECTION FRG OFFER. AFTER PANEL COMPLETED ITS WORK, AT FRG INSISTENCE, SECRETARIAT MET WITH FRG GROUP (WITH OTHER INTERESTED PANEL MEMBERS FREE TO ATTEND; BECK AND FRENCH MEMBER WERE PRESENT) FOR INITIAL DISUCSSION OF DETAILS RE FRG OFFER. PURPOSE OF MEETING SEEMED TO BE PART OF FRG CAMPAIGN TO PUSH FORWARD AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE WITH DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS AIMED AT SEPTEMBER PRESENTATION AT KARLSRUHE, THEREBY ESTABLISHING DE FACTO SELECTION.

7. AT LEAST SOME MEMBERS OF SECRETARIAT, SUCH AS HAMMOND, ARE UNHAPPY AT PROSPECTS OF NEGOTIATING ONLY WITH FRG RE ARRANGEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER COURSE, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF HEAVY-HANDED FRG LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ACTIONS TO DATE. DOCUMENT SUBMITTED BY FRG WITH FORMAL OFFER APPRENTLY SHOWS NUMBER OF INSTANCES WHERE KARLSRUHE'S IDEAS DIVERGE FROM THOSE OF SECRETARIAT. (SOME IDEAS ALSO DIFFER FROM PANEL'S RECOMMENDATIONS, SUCH AS OUTLINE OF FIVE-MONTH FIRST PHASE, BUT WE ASSUME FRG CONCURRENCE IN PANELS'S RECOMMENDATIONS RESOLVES SUCH DIFFERENCES.) FORMAL OFFER BY U.S. AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE WOULD THUS BE DESIRABLE IN ORDER FOR SECRETARIAT TO DEMONSTRATE, IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH FRG, THAT ALTERNATIVE SITE

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